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TO: IMMEDIATE WHITE HOUSE//SITUATION ROOM FOR MR MCNAMIS,
STATE RCI//OPERATIONS CENTER FOR MR BRENN FRY, NMCC//ATTENTION
CIA REP, TREASURY DEPT//INFO MR JOHN YEO.
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SUBJECT: LAOS: US AMBASSADOR'S INITIAL CONTACT WITH NEW FOREIGN
MINISTER

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AMBASSADOR WHITEHOUSE HAD HIS FIRST MEETING WITH DEPUTY
PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER PHOUMI VONGVICHIT TODAY AND
CAME AWAY WITH A HIGHLY FAVORABLE IMPRESSION OF THE LAO COMMUNIST
OFFICIAL WHOM HE DESCRIBED AS CORDIAL, FRANK, AND EXTREMELY
COURTEOUS. PHOUMI GAVE EVERY INDICATION OF WANTING TO ABIDE
BY A POLICY OF STRICT NEUTRALITY AND TO MAINTAIN GOOD RELATIONS
WITH THE US. ACCORDING TO THE AMBASSADOR, PHOUMI APPEARS TO BE
A PERSON WITH WHOM SERIOUS MATTERS CAN BE DISCUSSED IN A NON-
POLEMICAL MANNER.

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IN HIS DISCUSSION WITH THE AMBASSADOR, PHOUNI COVERED SEVERAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

--HE SAID THAT HE EXPECTED TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON POWS AND MIAS, BUT DID NOT MENTION ANY SPECIFIC TIME. HE SAID HE WOULD INFORM THE AMBASSADOR AS SOON AS ANY DECISION WAS REACHED REGARDING ENNET KAY, THE US COMMERCIAL PILOT HELD PRISONER BY THE PATHET LAO.

--HE STATED IT WAS ESSENTIAL FOR ALL FOREIGN SOLDIERS TO LEAVE LAOS.

--HE HINTED THAT THE PATHET LAO MAY ASK FOR AID FOR REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT.

--HE TRIED TO DOWNPLAY APPREHENSIONS OF A COMMUNIST TAKEOVER IN LAOS BY SAYING THAT THERE ARE TWO POLITICAL VIEWPOINTS IN THE COUNTRY AND THAT THE MLAO PEOPLE SHOULD WORK CALMLY AND AMICABLY TOWARDS RECONCILING THEM. E2 IMPDET.H

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